

# Bennington, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

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## Town of Bennington

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9 am - 12 noon

Hillsborough  
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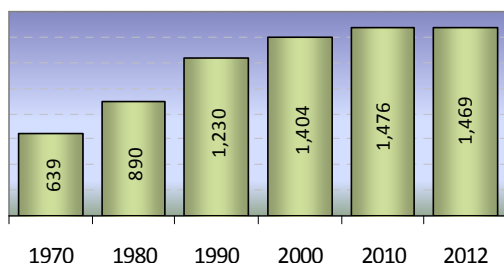
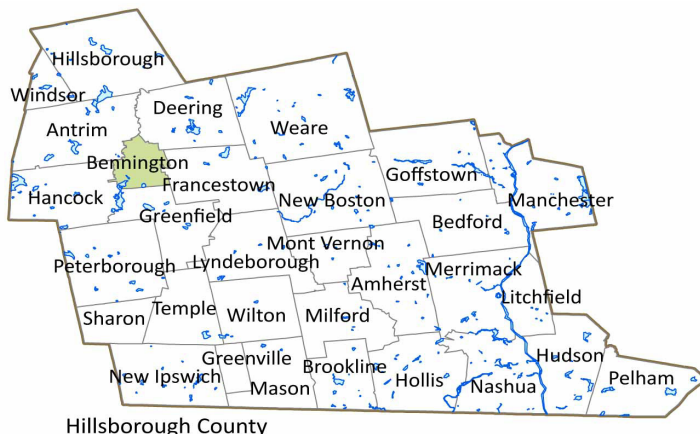
District 2  
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**Incorporated:** 1842

**Origin:** Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Frankestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 541 residents in 1850



**Population Trends:** Population change for Bennington totaled 878 over 52 years, from 591 in 1960 to 1,469 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2012 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,469 residents, which ranked 163rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 133.1 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.0 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013		\$1,685,879	
Budget: School Appropriations,		Not Available	
Zoning Ordinance		1987/13	
Master Plan		2005	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer; Checklist, Zoning		
Appointed:	Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Hazard Mitigation Planning; Capital Reserve		
Public Library	G E P Dodge		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Part-time & On-Call	
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough		9 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		PSNH	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Bennington Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		TDS Telecom	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.90	
2012 Equalization Ratio		111.4	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$27.69	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.4%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		8.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		5.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2007-2011)	
Total Housing Units		658	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		446	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		48	
Five or More Units in Structure		110	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		54	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2012	1,469	402,922	
2010	1,476	400,721	
2000	1,404	382,384	
1990	1,230	336,549	
1980	890	276,608	
1970	639	223,941	
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011			
Population by Gender			
Male	629	Female	685
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	101		
Age 5 to 19	247		
Age 20 to 34	237		
Age 35 to 54	450		
Age 55 to 64	193		
Age 65 and over	86		
Median Age	39.5 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	93.3%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.4%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2007-2011)	
Per capita income	\$28,190		
Median 4-person family income	\$73,125		
Median household income	\$60,625		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$49,583		
Female	\$39,018		
Families below the poverty level	6.2%		
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2002	2012	
Civilian labor force	816	834	
Employed	788	790	
Unemployed	28	44	
Unemployment rate	3.4%	5.3%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	273	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,125	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	85	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 249	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	358	358	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 917	\$ 973	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	24	21	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 406	\$ 509	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	382	379	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 885	\$ 948	
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)</b>			District: <b>SAU 1</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough</b>			Region: <b>14</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>54</b>			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Crotched Mt. Ski & Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250 +/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Town of Bennington	Municipal services	60	
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant	26	1945
Frankestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Excavating contractor, gravel sales	10 +/-	
Common Place Eatery	Restaurant	4	
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Bennington Country Store	Convenience store		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store		
DH Hardwick & Son"s, Inc.	Logging, gravel and site work		

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 5
	Distance	23 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		138 miles
Boston, Mass.		76 miles
New York City, NY		257 miles
Montreal, Quebec		259 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2007-2011)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.4%</b>
Other means	<b>1.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>34.3 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011**

Working in community of residence	<b>74.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>22.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>3.5</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: